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Known as the Decadent Decaders, the TWA Ten-Year Club was organized in the ‘40's. Strictly a social gathering flourished for a few years, meeting annually in Kansas City.

In 1949, Mo Bowen, Harry Campbell and several others suggested that those with annual passes should convene for a weekend in Las Vegas. The group, numbering 30 (all male), obtained discounted rates at several hotels which helped soften the blow of losses at the tables. This outing was repeated in 1950.

Following a period of relative inactivity, in 1961 it was decided to revive the group led by Harry Campbell and Gordon "Parky" Parkinson, plans were made for the interested members to meet for a weekend at the White Stallion in Tucson. This locale was the site of the meetings for three years with 1964 being the last. At that meeting, attendance numbered 43. According to Parky, the name chosen for the group came from one of his daughters who was studying Spanish at the time-TWA CONQUISTADORES DE ANTIGUOUS TIEMPO or TWA CONQUERERS OF ANCIENT TIMES.

Since it was obvious the White Stallion would not accommodate all those who desired to join the annual fun-filled weekend, an alternate ranch at Wickenburg, Rancho de Los Caballeros, was chosen for the 1965 gathering. The rate at the time was $10 per night with transportation to and from the airport. As the years rolled by, the rates went to $20 a day, then $40, $50, and in 1985 to $60 a day including tip and tax.

The underlying theme of these meetings was to continue the fellowship and "family" suggested that a committee be formed to organize a TWA Club for all retirees. The primary objectives of such a non-profit social organization were to encourage continuing social relations among members by means of group activities, and to promote interest and support in TWA.

A committee, including Parky Parkinson, Stanley Jaques, Jim Wulpi and Ed Tharp, drafted a constitution to be presented for adoption at the first meeting of the new organization. With Jim Wulpi as chairman of nominating committee, a slate of officers was prepared to present the first meeting in Kansas City on June 1, 1967. The first officers of the newly formed TWA Seniors club (official name chosen at the time) were: Cliff Abbott, President; John Clemson, Vice-President and Jim Wulpi, Secretary- Treasurer. Attendance at this initial meeting numbered 228.

With more than a hundred retired or pioneer TWA employees gathered at Wickenburg in October of 1967, the first social activity of the Senior Club was launched. Hosting a banquet for the group, President Charles Tillinghast reaffirmed the company's whole-hearted support for the new organization of TWA boosters.

From its inception, everyone could see the Seniors Club would have no trouble getting its members together for a social gathering or a business meeting once a year. When TWAers get together, a good time is assured. The major problem as the years rolled by, and the membership increased with new retirees, was locating a site large enough to accommodate the group. With 600 attending in 1977 annual meeting at Breech Training Academy in Kansas City, the following year saw the group meeting at a local hotel.

With one of its objectives being to "promote interest and support in TWA, "the Senior have participated in many promotions and activities to assist the company.

Spearheaded by Parky Parkinson from the beginning, much of the Club's success can be attributed to him. Over the years, Parky worked tirelessly on setting up the annual trek to Wickenburg, was president for three terms, and served as Chairman Emeritus of the Group until his death in 1997. Somehow he always maintained an up to date account of members who were ill, change of address, and names of those no longer active, but who prize a card or note from former associates.

In the seventies, the need for local Chapters was indeed evident. Most retired TWAers wanted to get together more
TWA Old-Timers Attend Homecoming; Group Charters New Seniors Club... TWA SKYLINER June 19, 1967

KANSAS CITY—"We’re going to have one of the greatest reunions you’ve ever seen," said the toastmaster, Parky Parkinson.

The occasion: first official meeting here on June 1, 1967 of retired and pioneer employees to form the new "TWA Seniors Club."

The enthusiasm of 250 husbands and wives on hand for the charter session supported his statement. It was a day-long homecoming, with, conducted tours of the flight training center and MCI overhaul base. A luncheon and reunion with former colleagues high-"Deserted Duckling" lighted the visit to MCI. Rain washed out a round of golf planned by some members of the group, but didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

The evening program proved the most colorful, however, with Parky presiding over a dinner at the Advertising and Sales Executives Club. Mostly it was an evening of good fellowship and hearty laughter as members reminisced about old times together. Highlighting the affair were talks by Bay Dunn, senior vice president and system general manager, and Dr. John Furbay, public relations' director of Air World Education.

Cliff Abbott Elected

Club officers elected were Cliff Abbott, president; John Clemson, vice president; Jim Wulpi, secretary-treasurer, and Parky Parkinson, toastmaster.

Winning entry in the contest to choose a name for the new organization was submitted by former MCI metal shop mechanic Antonio "Tony" Cabansag. Tony won a Polaroid camera for his club name. Second place award, a Boeing 707 model ashtray, went to JFK-based international Captain Robert H. Talbott for his entry of "Trans World Alumni." JFK flight dispatch coordinator E. J. Austin earned third prize of a travel bag for his entry of "TWABE Club." Others submitted the names indicated above but the winners were selected on the basis of earliest receipt of entry.

Tony Cabansag responded with an impromptu talk from the floor when his name was announced as contest winner. He pointed out that the father, as head of the family, is often called senior. "He is the one who takes care of the children to see that when they grow up they amount to something," he explained. "Every one of us will be proud to be called a father of TWA." Born in the Philippines, Tony became an American citizen in 1947, but he hearkened back to his native land for a further elaboration of his choice of the club’s name, "Senior in Spanish means master," he noted. His extemporaneous remarks were so warmly received that Parky Parkinson quickly told the audience that "Your enthusiasm is going to make this club work."

Members attending the dinner adopted the following preamble to the club's constitution: Primary Objective "We, the retired employees of Trans World Airlines, do voluntarily establish a non-profit social organization whose primary objective will be to promote continuing social relations among members, to encourage group activities among the membership and to promote their continued interest in and support of the programs and activities of Trans World Airlines."
The TWA Seniors Club is open to all officially retired employees and members of the Conquistadores. Active employees with 30 or more years of service and "actives" who were Conquistadores will hold associate membership. There are no dues.

Ray Dunn told the group that "I find it hard after 33 years to find myself an associate member of the club. Someday down the road I hope to graduate to full membership." He pointed out that "TWA has grown well over the years. All of you have helped to make this company as great as it is. The people in this room have left some footprints in the sands of time."

Dr. Furbay noted that "Retirement brings new opportunities and can even be the beginning of a new life." Giving a new connotation to retirement, which he called "retirement," he said that it can bring many happy years of accomplishment and add years to your life. "Should you start a second career," he advised, "choose something you always wanted to do over the years but didn't dare try.".........SKYLINER 1967 06-19

**TWA SKYLINER August 28, 1967**

**Reunion Roundup Set by Seniors**

The sixth annual reunion roundup of the TWA Seniors Club will be held at Bancho de los caballeros in Wickenburg, Arizona October 27-29, reports club president Cliff Abbott. A welcoming party Friday night will kick off the event. A golf tournament Saturday will highlight roundup activities.

Registration fee is $5. Daily rate at the Caballeros is $14 including meals. The ranch will accommodate 100 persons and late registrants will stay at an adjoining ranch. Arrangements have been made for wives to stay at the nearby Remuda Ranch. Rate is $12 a day. About 35 wives are expected, according to Cliff.

All male members and associate members are eligible to attend the roundup. Stan Jacques is chairman of the reunion committee, assisted by Fred Pastorious and Jim Fennel. Parky Parkinson is coordinator.

**TWA SKYLINER November 6, 1967**

Last week, at an Arizona ranch, many in the vanguard of this proud corps held a reunion—their sixth such get-together. Starting out as an informal gathering of old-timers and old friends, the Conquistadores, as they called themselves, are now organized and chartered under TWA's wing as the Seniors Club.

The benefit of experience of this pioneer group and the contribution they might make to the new "Harvest Years" program will, we are sure, be welcomed by everyone looking forward to retirement.

**TWA SKYLINER December 4, 1967**
Independence, Overhaul

June: 1. Retired and pioneer employees, meeting in Kansas City, formally charter the Seniors Club under TWA sponsorship.

TWA SKYLINER May 20, 1968

There's an important election in Kansas City on June 5 in which Luella can exercise her rights of senior citizenship—the election of officers for the TWA Seniors Club. It's the club's second annual meeting.

Lew Goss and Jim Wulpi head the ballot for president, but nominations may also be made from the floor, says outgoing prez. Cliff Abbott. So mush on down, Luella.

TWA SKYLINER June 17, 1968

The Seniors Club, organization of retired and pioneer TWA employees, at their second annual meeting in Kansas City June 5 elected James W. Wulpi as president. Joe Bell was named vice president and Meriam Filkins was elected secretary-treasurer.

TWA SKYLINER July 9, 1968

Seniors Club Pied Piper, High-Altitude Pioneer Gives Low-Down on Living

KANSAS CITY—if there is a trek to Mexico by TWA retirees this fall and winter it may well be due to the "Pied Piper" appeal of a travelogue given here recently by Captain D. W. Tomlinson. "Tommy," as he is known by his many TWA associates of yesteryear, gave a report on his vacation in Mexico last winter, weaving it against an interesting background gleaned from 13 vacations South of the Border. He was one of four speakers at the annual dinner of the TWA Seniors Club which climaxed a day-long series of tours of the Flight Training Center, the Overhaul Base, and the Harry S Truman Library in Independence, Mo. Others who spoke were N. R. Parmet, staff vice president of equipment development; Captain Jack LeClaire, and Captain Dave Kuhn.

TWA SKYLINER September 23, 1968

Seniors Club

Plans have been finalized for the Seniors Club's seventh annual fall roundup. The "Conquistadores" will meet at the Bancho de Los Caballeros, Wickenburg, Arizona, Nov. 1-3. Registration is $5, with accommodations $16 per day, American plan. All Seniors Club members, regular and associate (employees with 30 or more years with TWA), are invited. Women Seniors Club members will stay with "Conquistadore" wives at the Remuda Ranch on Nov. 1-2. For reservations, contact Parky Parkinson, 4117 Willow Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64116.

TWA SKYLINER December 16, 1968

Seniors Round-Up Held In Arizona

PHOENIX—The number of pioneers out West was significantly increased when TWA old-timers alias the Seniors Club held their seventh annual "round-up" at the Rancho de Los Caballeros, Wickenburg, Arizona, Nov. 1-3.

Joining more than 100 retired and long-time TWAers were R. M. Dunn, senior vice president and system general manager, and Wallace Smith, vice president-sales and services programs. Both addressed a banquet meeting during the session. "Foreman" Jim Wulpi, as Seniors Club president, declared this meeting the "best ever." "Trail-boss Parky Parkinson, manager-operational planning, MKC, who was founding father of the yearly get-togethers, again made all the arrangements for "bunks and grub."

Golf, skeet shooting and an old fashioned Western cook-out highlighted activities at the reunion. Winners of the golf match were: Seth Strachen, low gross; Roger Kruse, 2nd low gross; Chuck Kaul, low net; Bill Townsend, low retiree; Wendell Paterson, best golfer over 65 years; and last (and, unfortunately, least) Pierre Desautels, worst golfer. Not to be outdone by the golfers, "Dead-eye" Jim Eischeid and "Killer" Cliff Abbott took first and second place, respectively, in the skeet shooting contest. Female Seniors Club members and wives were domiciled at nearby Remuda Ranch.

TWA SKYLINER March 24, 1969

"What in the world will I do with all that free time?"

It's a pretty safe bet just about everyone approaching retirement asks himself that question. Lyndon B. Johnson "retired," as did Hal Blackburn—and both are cattlemen. Mickey Mantle retired to tend to his private business. So did C. D. Whitmire, John Glenn and Frank Young retired from flying (at slightly different altitudes) and both went to work elsewhere. Messrs. Blackburn, Whitmire and Young have something else in common. They are members of the TWA Seniors Club, now numbering more than 600 retired employees.

TWA SKYLINER May 5, 1969

Seniors Club Homecoming June 4

Retired employees and 30-year "old-timers" who qualify as associate members of the Seniors Club, will hold their annual "homecoming" in Kansas City on June 4. Headquarters for the gathering will be the Advertising & Sales Executives Club, 913 Baltimore. Special events will include a choice of tours of MCI, the new Ernest R. Breech Training Academy or the Hallmark Greeting Card plant.

Blaine Cooke, senior vice president-marketing, will be guest speaker at the banquet, followed by election of officers for 1969. For reservations, including accommodations, write immediately to MKC general manager George Levering at 1016 Commerce Towers, 911 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64105.
**TWA SKYLINER April 20, 1970**

**Kansas City Host To TWA Seniors**

KANSAS CITY—Tours of the overhaul base and the Breech Training Academy have been set up for the annual meeting of the TWA Seniors Club here on May 20. Headquarters of the organization for the annual homecoming will be at the Advertising and Sales Executives Club. Three hundred are expected to attend.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with tour buses departing at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is being hosted by A. E. Jordan, vice president of technical services at MCI, and by Harold Mason, director of service training at the Breech Academy.

The evening program will begin at the Ad Club at 5:30. Nominees for office are R. I. "Robbie" Robinson, president; Gordoll R. Parkinson, vice president, and Eve Mutchler, secretary-treasurer. Special awards will be presented by John Truex, vice president of the South Central region. Joe Gilbert, board chairman of Gilbert-Robinson restaurants, will be principal speaker. His subject is "Apple" Pie, Football and Aeroplanes.

**TWA SKYLINER September 21, 1970**

**Seniors Reunion**

The ninth annual reunion of the TWA Seniors will be held October 30 through November 1 at the Rancho de los Caballeros in Wickenburg, Arizona, according to Seniors president R. I. "Robbie" Robinson.

"Early arrivals are expected starting October 26," said reunion chairman "Parky" Parkinson. "Wives will be welcome to stay at the Caballeros until Friday morning when, because of limited accommodations, they will move to the nearby Remuda Ranch," he added.

Rates are $18 a day, including meals. The registration fee is $5 and should be sent to Gordon R. Parkinson, 4117 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64116.

Among those eligible to attend are officially retired employees, employees with 30 years of service with TWA (as of December 31 this year) and "pioneers" who were with the airline before 1939 and have attended a Seniors club activity.

Among events scheduled for the weekend are a golf tournament, putting competition (for non-golfers only), horseshoe pitching contest, trap shooting competition and horseback riding.

The annual banquet will be held Saturday evening, October 31. There'll be a cookout at Vulture Mountain at noon the same day.

**TWA SKYLINER March 29, 1971**

**A Memorial**

The TWA Seniors Club is sponsoring a program to help fill the bookshelves of the new library in Pikeville, Tennessee in memory of C. E. "Mac" McCollum, veteran TWA flier and executive. "We will appreciate the help of all TWA employees and Seniors members," said club president R. I. "Robbie" Robinson.

"It costs only 12 cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound to mail books under the special fourth class mail rate-from any place in the country to Pikeville," he pointed out. Books should be sent to: Mrs. Clyde E. McCollum, "Aunt Caimelle's Place," Pikeville, Tennessee 37367.

One of the first books received was a brand new copy of Dr. Kenneth McFarland's Eloquence in Public Service, contributed by Seniors founder Parky Parkinson.

Captain McCollum, who retired 12 years ago after 31 years with TWA, was a "guiding light" of the Pikeville library. Until his death two years ago he was tireless in his efforts to assist in the progress of the town, where he served as mayor. He was listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in World Aviation.

**TWA SKYLINER May 10, 1971**

The TWA Seniors Club will hold their fifth homecoming in Kansas City May 19. The dinner at the Advertising and Sales Executive Club will begin at 5:30 p.m. Reservations by retired employees and associate members (employees with 30 years or more seniority) should be made through Gene Olguin, TWA, 1016 Commerce Tower, 911 Main Street, Kansas City.

**TWA SKYLINER June 7, 1971 “for short time, TWA Today”**

Wearing his red tie trademark and equally characteristic wide grin, Gordon R. "Parky" Parkinson was elected president of the TWA Seniors Club at their fifth annual homecoming in Kansas City. He succeeds R. I. "Robbie" Robinson.

Other officers of the TWA retirees group are Captain William Townsend, Largo, Fla., first vice president; Frank Howell, Madrid, international vice president; Eve Mutchler, Sun City, Arizona, secretary, and Art Eggiman, Independence, Mo., treasurer. All were elected to a two-year term.

The election highlighted a dinner at the Advertising and Sales Executives Club and on the whole, it was an evening designed to update members on TWA’s progress.
Earlier, they toured the overhaul base, flight training center and Breech Academy. Parky Parkinson's traditional red tie was overshadowed for the first time by red-jacketed John Truex, South Central region v.p., who made the principal address and showed a movie highlighting TWA's Getaway program. (In Parky's defense, note should be made of his ownership of a red blazer of the Kansas City Chiefs booster club, along with a jaunty red velour snap-brim hat.)

Mr. Truex also presented copies of TWA's history, "Legacy of Leadership" and plaques to Mr. Robinson, as retiring president, and to Captain Ben Gigstad who admittedly was still amazed at "such a lot of publicity" that grew out of his personally chartered jet to take 96 relatives—some of whom were first riders—on a scenic flight last year on the eve of his retirement.

**TWA SKYLINER December 6, 1971**

Gathered for their annual roundup at Wickenburg, 115 members of the TWA Seniors Club relaxed in the sunshine, played golf and horseshoes, and generally had a "great gabfest" in renewing acquaintances, reports Gordon R. Parkinson, president. "Everyone had a wonderful time, including me and I was working most of the time to see that everyone else was having fun," Parky said. The fellowship among the retirees, together with those employees having more than thirty years, seniority, was praised by the principal speaker, David J. Crombie, vice president of industrial relations, "You are the people who built the airline," he said, "but most importantly, you are devoted to one another, as people. TWA provided the reason for that friendship."

Mr. Crombie gave a sobering assessment of TWA's financial tribulations in 1970, happily reported the turnaround had begun in 1971, and that "1972 has lots of hills to climb" for those TWAers who are striving to keep the airline in the black. He praised the retirees for their continuing efforts in promoting the airline's best interests, especially by encouraging friends and business associates to "fly TWA."

Though attendance capacity was reached at the Rancho de los Caballeros this year, it was decided to return again next year, and the dates were set for the last weekend in October - 28, 29 and 30, 1972. This year, 30 wives joined in with the result of a "full house" on Wednesday night, making it a double reunion. The wives moved to the Remuda Ranch on Friday where special activities were arranged for them by Curt Twing's wife, Helen, who served as chairman for the second straight year.

**TWA SKYLINER March 27, 1972**

**Busy Seniors**

TWA Seniors Club members have some busy days ahead of them. Here's a breakdown of what's coming up. TWA Seniors Club will hold its annual Florida Get-together at the Lido Holiday Inn, Sarasota, Florida on April 20. Reservations and check ($4.00 per person) should be sent to W. B. Miller, 548 South Spoonbill Drive, Sarasota, Florida 33577.

The Fifth Annual TWA Seniors Club meeting will be held May 17 at the Kansas City Advertising and Sales Executive Club, 913 Baltimore, MKC. Registration starts at 10 a.m., with tours beginning thirty minutes later. Tours are scheduled for KCAC, MCI and Breech Academy. Dinner and the annual meeting will be held in the banquet room at the Ad Club beginning at 5:30. Reservations must be in by May 11 and should be addressed to Jim Fennell, TWA Seniors Club, 4906 NW 62nd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64151. Be sure to note whether your spouse will be attending and if a room reservation is needed.

The 11th Annual Seniors Club reunion is scheduled for October 27-29th in Wickenburg, Arizona. Parky Parkinson notes, however, that early arrivals are welcome on the 23rd.

**TWA SKYLINER May 6, 1972**

**Seniors Hold Annual Meeting**

by Bob Helmer

"Happy Birthday, Harold Neumann," sung loud and slightly off-key, gave a sparkling opening to the sixth annual meeting of the TWA Seniors Club at Kansas City May 17.

More than 300 retirees and spouses attended the day-long tour of TWA facilities, including a visit to the city's new airport scheduled to open Nov. 11; Captain Harold Neumann, pioneer air nice pilot and veteran transatlantic airman, was observing his 69th birthday and word got out among the retirees.

As the meeting was about to begin, Gordon Parkinson, president, launched out with an enthusiastic greeting that was picked up by the membership .. "a cappella style!" Another retiree, former Captain Cliff Abbott, received a handsome silver trophy from marketing department executives for being "top salesman of the year" among retirees.

"Somewhere upwards of $100,000 revenue in passenger sales, all of them to individuals or small groups, were brought in by Cliff Abbott," commented Bill Neff, Western region vice president. He urged other retirees to follow the sales leadership exhibited during the last year by Cliff Abbott by "joining TWAers everywhere in making 1972 a truly sensational year."

**TWA SKYLINER September 25, 1972**

**TWA SENIORS 11th Annual Reunion October 27, 28, 29. "The watering hole will again be the Rancho de los Caballeros at Wickenburg, Arizona," said Seniors club spokesman Gordon "Parky" Parkinson. "Our guest speaker
this year will be public relations vice president Gordon Gilmore," he announced.

Cost will be $20 per day, including meals, taxes and gratuities. Wives will be welcome at the same rate prior to and after the reunion traditionally stag-and and will be accommodated at the Flying E Ranch on Friday and Saturday at $23 per day.

FINISHING touches are being made to TWA's terminal at Kansas City International Airport. Our move from Municipal Airport is scheduled November 11. Eligible to attend are all officially retired employees (who are automatically members of the Seniors club) and associate members (active employees with 30 years or more of service). There will be a registration fee of $5 plus a one-day deposit, with no refunds for cancellations made after October 20. "In other words," said Parky, "a check for $25 must accompany registration, or a check for $48 for a member and his wife. There is no registration fee for wives," he noted. Invitations are being mailed to all TWA Seniors. If you should not receive yours, make your reservation directly with: Parky Parkinson, 4117 N. W. Willow Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64116. Phone: (816) 452-1336.

(October 30, 1972 full page article text)
Representatives of the men who held TWA together through times of vicissitude and uncertainty, and who provided Chairman Tillinghast and President Wiser with material they have molded into one of the world's great airlines, lived it all over again at Wickenburg, Arizona.

The eleventh annual TWA Seniors Club reunion at Los Caballeros guest ranch October 27-29 attracted more than 125 retired persons who once served their company all over the world.

At first glance, the gathering was not dissimilar from hundreds of others, where mature citizens assemble to show off their prowess at golf, skeet, horsemanship and conviviality. Only when one listened to the many conversations did he become aware the difference was notable. These were men who had played significant roles in founding, flying, maintaining, servicing, selling, publicizing, financing development and administration of an airline and an entire industry.

There were, for example, Capt. Franklin Young, chief pilot in 1922 of Pacific Marine Airways, one of many TWA predecessors; Capt. "Mo" Bowen, who joined Western Air Express, a major predecessor, in 1928; Capt. Dutch Holloway, Lee Flanagan, John Myers, Battle Joyner, Earl Korf, Clyde Fullerton, Charley Gress, and a host of other notables from every department. "Enough to run a whole airline," someone observed.

Per tradition, this was an all-male gathering. Wives, however, were made welcome by Helen Twing at nearby Flying E Ranch. Gordon Gilmore, vice president-public relations, made the annual "state of the airline" talk Friday night. Citing the fact that since 1946 he had worked for 12 administrations, including seven presidents and five interregnums, Gilmore said he always had been impressed by the dedicated collection of individual and departmental skills, as represented by the men and women who are now TWA seniors.

"Now, I am proud to report my feeling that since 1961 we have become a great airline. Tillinghast and now Wiser have molded the heritage you gave them into a great travel complex with routes and hotels around the world. And with the continued loyal support of the Seniors, boosting and selling TWA, what you see today is only the beginning."

Trophies for sports events, acknowledgements and citations were made by Seniors President Gordon (Parky) Parkinson at the awards dinner Saturday night. He also announced that the next reunion will be at Los Caballeros November 24, 1973.

(TWA SKYLINER November 20, 1972)
Seniors Reunion

The TWA Seniors will hold their 12th annual reunion November 2, 3, 4 at the Rancho de los Caballeros and Flying E Ranch in Wickenburg, Arizona. " I think it will
be the greatest reunion yet," said the club president Gordon R. "Parky" Parkinson. Announcement and reservations forms have been mailed to all regular and associate members of the Seniors club. If you did not receive your notice, you may make reservations by writing to Parky at 4117 N.W. Willow Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64116. Enclose check for $5 registration plus one day's deposit of $22.

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Seniors Reunion in Spain

Seniors Club vice president Frank Howell will play host for the group's first overseas gathering, at Cartagena, Spain April 3-7. The former Madrid sales manager, who stayed on in Spain after retirement, invited fellow TWA Seniors to a reunion at the LaManga Campo de Golf resort where he is a business partner. Information on travel arrangements and reservations forms have been mailed to all Seniors members. Associate members (active employees with 30 years or more of service) who are interested in attending should contact immediately club president Parky Parkinson, 4117 N.W. Willow Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64116. Phone (816) 452-1336.

TWA SKYLINER August 26, 1974
In the News

Captain Busch Voights, newly elected president of the TWA Seniors Club, is recovering at home from a heart attack. Club vice president Gordon Gilmore, who retired last fall as TWA public relations vice president, will take over active management of the club's affairs until Capt. Voights resumes normal activities.

Ken Fletcher, retired public relations director, is the new editor of the Seniors Club Bulletin, succeeding long-time editor Jim Wulpi. The club's immediate past president, Gordon "Parky" Parkinson, is chairman of the 13th annual reunion of the Seniors to be held at Wickenburg, Arizona Nov. 1-3.

TWA SKYLINER October 7, 1974
Seniors Hold 'Reunion November 1-3

The 13th annual roundup of the TWA Seniors Club will be held November 1-3 at Rancho De Los Caballeros, Wickenburg, Arizona. Mr. Tillinghast will speak at the annual dinner (Nov. 1) to about 150 TWA retirees, wives and active employees who have 30 years with the airline. Reservation should be made with Gordon L. "Parky" Parkinson, 4117 N.w. Willow Drive, Kansas City, Mo, 64116. Registration is $5 per person; rooms are $24 per day per person. A check for the registration fee plus a one-day guarantee should be sent to Parky for rooms at Los Cab and another check for $24 for wives, who will be staying at nearby Flying E ranch. For information phone Parky at(816) 452-1336.

TWA SKYLINER December 30, 1974

Father - Daughter flying team of Capt. Bill McMinn and hostess Terry McMinn happened to be on the same London-New York 747 recently. Bill was in command of the flight but Terry was deadheading and borrowed a uniform jacket so Ken Fletcher could take pictures of the pair for hometown newspapers. (Printer's ink still flows in Fletcher, retired TWA public relations staffer who now edits the Seniors Club newsletter.)

TWA SKYLINER April 21, 1975

The annual meeting of TWA's Seniors Club will be held in Kansas City on Wednesday, June 11, according to president Busch Voights. He said the Breech Training Academy in Overland Park tentatively has been set as site for the meeting, at which officers for the 1975-76 year will be elected. Watch the Seniors Club newsletter as well as the Skyliner for further details.

TWA SKYLINER May 19, 1975

Seniors Meet in Fla.

The teamwork which made TWA great was evident when former representatives of flight operations, marketing, public relations' and technical services cooperated to host the largest gathering of TWA Seniors ever in Florida, according to Gordon Gilmore, chairman of the reunion committee and retired vice president of public relations. More than 120 retired employees attended.

Guest speaker Rouvim Feiguine, now a special consultant to the marketing department, deplored destructive over-competition on the North Atlantic in his talk at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bal Harbour. MGriis McLemore, Miami TV personality and husband of account executive Nancy McLemore, was guest speaker. Busch Voigts, Seniors Club president,
greeted the gathering as did H.F. (Bud) Lawless, Miami-based area director.

Other reunion committee members were Capt. Charles Adams, James de Revere (marketing) and Alfred S. Perfumo (tech services). Capt. Stanley W. Jacques, World War I combat flyer of the famed "Hat in the Ring" Squadron and one of the first TWA captains to retire, and his bride of 53 years, Florence, won the top door prize, a Bahamas Line cruise.

**TWA SKYLINER July 14, 1975**

Gordon Gilmore was elected president of the TWA Seniors Club at its annual meeting June 11 in Kansas City. He succeeds Captain Busch Voigts. Mr. Gilmore, former vice president - public relations, retired in 1973 after heading that department for 25 years. George Levering was elected vice president and Dave Midgely was re-elected treasurer of the club. - Charles Adams will be the new secretary. More than 400 Seniors attended the dinner meeting at Breech Academy; their host was Harold Z. Mason, the academy's director. During the day the retirees toured Kansas City facilities. Vice president Bill Neff hosted a visit to the Tech. Services Center.

**TWA SKYLINER August 11, 1975**

**Urge All Seniors to Re-double Efforts**

"Senior Power!-make it work for TWA" is the slogan Gordon Gilmore, newly elected president of the TWA Seniors Club, is using to rally some 3,500 retired employees of TWA to support its struggle for survival. He cited an item in the July issue of Business Week which noted "that the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) condones charges of up to $5 million more a month for jet fuel used by TWA than is paid by its principal competitors."

Gilmore urged fellow Seniors Club members to inform congressmen in communities which might be affected by loss of TWA service of the fuel price inequities, amounting to about 5¢ more per gallon for TWA than for United or American. He also urged Seniors to re-double their efforts toward getting friends and acquaintances "with the money and inclination to travel to use TWA."

**TWA SKYLINER August 25, 1975**

**Seniors Set Reunion**

The 14th annual Seniors Club round-up is set for Fri.-Sat.-Sun., October 31-November 2 at the Rancho de los Caballeros, Wickenburg, Arizona. A full schedule of activities, including a golf tournament, is scheduled. The rate at Los Caballeros is $26 a day (plus tax and gratuity); the rate at the Flying E Ranch (for wives) will be $28 a day. The overflow will be housed at a motel in Wickenburg but will participate in all ranch activities-meals, cookouts, rides, etc. For your registration form write to Parky Parkinson, chairman, 4117 N. W. Willow Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64116.

**TWA SKYLINER December 15, 1975**

**Seniors Hold Arizona Roundup**

by Ken Fletcher

The 14th annual Seniors round-up at Rancho de los Caballeros in Wickenburg, Arizona was, in the opinion of many, the greatest yet. Attending the reunion were 133 Seniors and spouses. An event-filled three day program included golf, tennis, skeet shooting, putting, horseshoe pitching and horseback riding. And although there were plenty of "Remember when?" there was serious talk about "what we can do to help our airline."

Guest speakers at the annual dinner were Bill Dougherty, vice president of marketing services, and John Truex, Western division vice president. They flew to Phoenix from Rio, where they had attended the AST A convention.

Thanking the Seniors for their help through the years in boosting TWA, Mr. Dougherty urged them to continue and expand their efforts "during these critical times for our airline." He suggested the need for individuals to write government officials on such important issues as fuel costs, fares and attempts to deregulate the airline industry.

Mr. Truex remarked on the 45th anniversary reenactment of the first all-air transcontinental flight and reported seeing the restored Tri-Motor at Indianapolis in the course of its Newark-Los Angeles journey. He lauded the pioneer TWAers present, saying, "You have shown us the path to greater heights in the years to come. I am sure the people now in TWA are committed to that goal."

Club president Gordon Gilmore emceed the affair, paying special tribute to Seniors founder and past president Gordon R. Parkinson who has chaired the annual Arizona round-up for all its 14 years. "How can you say enough for the great job he has done?" Mr. Gilmore asked. "One simply runs out of superlatives in describing how Parky continues to exceed himself, year after year." He made a
presentation to Parky of a color portrait on behalf of the staff of the Rancho de los Cabelleros.

Many of TWA's pioneer pilots were on hand at Wickenberg, including captains H.H. "Dutch" Holloway and M.O. "Mo" Bowen, who joined Western Air Express in 1928.


At the business meeting, Mr. Gilmore revealed that he has appointed three regional representatives to help boost the Seniors locally: Earl Miller for Arizona, Virgil Siverts for California and Jack Miller for New York.

The 15th annual roundup will be held in 1976 at Wickenberg Nov. 5-7. Five Seniors have already made their reservations.

**TWA SKYLINER February 23, 1976**

The TWA Seniors Club will hold its 1976 spring outing at Estoril, Portugal March 30, 31 and April 1. Golf, tours, dining, shows, a casino and shopping will be available.

Seniors president Gordon Gilmore extends a special invitation to active employees with 30 years' service and overseas retirees. On-TWA friends of Seniors are also welcome and "revenue from their air tickets will contribute to TWA's welfare," he said. Checks for $102.50 per person should be made payable to "TWA Seniors Club" and mailed directly to George Levering, 1415 Second Street, Apt. F-202, Coronado, Ca. 92118.

This inclusive rate includes transportation from Lisbon Airport to the hotel for those arriving on March 28, 29 or 30 and back to the airport (or those departing April 2, 3 or 4). Be sure to indicate your arrival and departure dates when you register so that transportation can be arranged.

Also covered are all activities, meals and accommodation at the Palacio Hotel for the three-day period. The Palacio offers a special rate of $8.93 per person per night (including breakfast) for those who arrive early or stay over. A full-day tour to Fatima is also available at an additional charge of $12 per person, including lunch. A bonus package will be forwarded to the first 25 persons making a reservation so don't delay.

**TWA SKYLINER May 17, 1976**

The Northeast region Seniors Club will hold its first meeting on June 22 at the Prop Room in the Trans World Flight Center at JFK. All retired TWAsers in the New York area, and active employees with 30 years or more of service, are urged to attend. Open bar at 12:30 p.m. followed by lunch ($5.50 including tax and tip).

Reservations should be made by June 4. Write to J. D. "Jack" Miller, 759 Bayberry Road, Franklin Square, New York 11010. Phone (516) 825-2197. Enclose luncheon check payable to Mr. Miller.

**TWA SKYLINER May 31, 1976**

**Puttin' Round Portugal**

ENOYING Portuguese sunshine are Seniors (from left): Parky Parkinson, Jim Fennell and Capt. Ralph Pusey. Photo and story by Ken Fletcher. More than 200 Seniors and spouses turned out for this year's Seniors Club overseas expedition"
tuguese Tourist Board in making our trip a great success.

Special thanks go to: John Murphy and his great gang at JFK who managed, to "shoehorn" Seniors onto flights so that we could all be on hand, and to Lisbon passenger services manager Tony Fernandez and his efficient crew, who expedited our arrivals and departures at LIS.

**TWA SKYLINER July 26, 1976**

NORTHEAST chapter of the Seniors Club had its first meeting recently at JFK. Nearly 100 attended; among them were: below: (from left) George Levering, Seniors president; Bill Cotter, Harry Blatt; Bud Yeager; Jack Miller and Dick Higgins.

**TWA SKYLINER September 20, 1976**

The Northeast chapter of the TWA Seniors Club will hold their second meeting October 5. Plans for a speakers program will be detailed at the luncheon session which is set for 12:30 p.m. in the Prop Room at the JFK Flight Center. Associate members (active employees with 30 years' seniority) are welcome. For luncheon reservations write to John D. Miller, 759 Barberry Road, Franklin Square, N.Y. 11010. Enclose a check for $5.50 payable to Mr. Miller to cover cost of the luncheon.

**TWA SKYLINER November 1, 1976**

California Seniors Elect Officers

Dave Newton (right) was elected president of the California chapter of the TWA Seniors Club at its first meeting, Sept. 15.

Other officers chosen were: L. L. "Jim" Heimer, v.p.; Fay Heiden, secretary, and Lee Flanagan, treasurer. Joseph L. Brumit, Los Angeles city v.p., was principal speaker at the luncheon meeting. Also attending were George Levering, Seniors president, and Earl J. Miller, head of the Arizona chapter.

**TWA SKYLINER December 27, 1976**

TWA Seniors Club, Pacific chapter, is meeting for dinner at the Hilton Inn, San Francisco Airport, on Friday, Jan. 14. On Sat. there will be a tour of the Almaden winery. For those interested. Reservations for both must be in no later than Jan. 7, so if you plan to attend get in touch with Faye Heiden, 4119 W. Russeau Lane, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274.

**TWA SKYLINER June 27, 1977**

Seniors Elect Al Jordan President for 1977-78 Alfred E. Jordan, former vice president of technical services, was elected president of the TWA Seniors Club at the annual meeting held at Breech Academy on June 8. A long-time veteran of the airline who retired in 1976, Mr. Jordan succeeds Gorge Levering.

Other officers elected are: first vice president, E.C. "Curt" Twing; second vice president, William J. Cotter; international vice president, Patricia Harris;vice president/public relations, Kenneth S. Fletcher; chairman emeritus, Gordon R. Parkinson; secretary, Mrs. Eileen Fleming, and treasurer, James D. MacPherson. A popular feature of the Seniors annual meeting was a tour of the overhaul base and KCAC ‘and an alternate tour of points of interest in Kansas City.

At a business session, the executive board voted to continue as associate members of the TWA Seniors Club active employees with 30 or more years of service. Former Seniors president, Gordon Gilmore, served as chairman of the nominating committee. Ed Smart, chairman of the TWA board of directors, was principal speaker at this year’s Seniors meeting. He pointed out that TWA, Inc. is the nation’s largest corporation engaged in transportation and related services.
**TWA SKYLINER** November 28, 1977

**Seniors Activities**

The overseas visit of TWA Seniors next year will consist of four trips to accommodate the rapidly growing ranks of retirees. Golfers will play the sunny 6889-yard links of the Penina Golf Hotel in Portugal's Algarve southern coast March 6-8. Those not interested in golf will have a choice of three Greek Isles cruises out of Athens between April 5 and 25.

The TWA Seniors Club Newsletter for December will contain full details of the four trips and registration forms. Associate members of the Seniors (those still working and having 30 years of TWA Service) do not receive the Newsletter. They may write to Curt Twing, 8126 East Lewis, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257 for further information about the golf expedition, and to Jerry Condon, 505 Cindertree Lane, Boulder City, Nevada 89005 regarding details on the three Greek Isles trips. Retirees should await receipt of the Newsletter and promptly return the registration forms, as it is expected all four trips will be over-subscribed, so it's "first come, first served." The Northeast Chapter of the TWA Seniors Club elected new officers for 1978 at a dinner meeting at JFK on November 15. Outgoing president Jack Miller announced the new slate: president, Al Wollenberg; vice president, Hubert Farrell; secretary, Lewis R. Wilson; treasurer, Nick Cordelli; and chaplain Milt Hutko.

The Florida West Coast Chapter of the TWA Seniors will hold a reunion May 16-17 at the Bilmore Beach Resort Hotel, on Treasure Island, St. Petersburg, according to chapter secretary Gene Kelly. All rooms face the beach and, Gene adds, there's lots to do, including golf, tennis and excursions to nearby attractions such as Busch Gardens. Limo service is available direct from Tampa airport.

**TWA SKYLINER** April 17, 1978

**Seniors Sun in Portugal**

Story and photos by Ken Fletcher

More than 100 TWA Seniors and their spouses enjoyed golf and touring all Portugal's Algarve under a hot spring sun last month. This is the fifth year the Seniors have enjoyed, an organized trip to Europe.

Curt Twing, first vice president of the Seniors Club, organized and directed the golf trip to Portugal, which was based at the Penina GolfHotel Because of the growing number of TWA retirees and the limited facilities at desirable tourist areas, the Seniors this year will also sponsor two Greek Isles cruises out of Athens, both in late April. There will be a capacity load of 100 on each, according to Jerry Condon, tour leader.

**TWA SKYLINER** May 29, 1978

**Northeast Seniors Elect Officers**

The Northeast chapter of the TWA Seniors Club recently elected new officers for the coming year. Photographed at the JFK Flight Center before the May meeting are (from left): Nazarene Cordelli, treasurer; Al Wollenberg, president; Louis Wilson, secretary, and Hubert Farrell, vice president.

**TWA SKYLINER** July 24, 1978

**Seniors Club Elects Twing**

The TWA Seniors have unanimously elected C. "Curt" Twing as president for the coming year. He succeeds A.E. "Al" Jordan. More than 600 retired employees and spouses - "largest turnout ever" - attended the organization's annual business meeting at Overland Park, Kansas on June 6. Elected officers with Mr. Twing were Capt. L10yd Hubbard, first 'C.p.; Don Logan, second v. p. Fay Heiaen, secretary; Bob McCormic, public relations v.p.; Jim MacPherson, treasurer, and Jerry Condon, international v.p.

Gordon R. "Parky" Parkinson, one of the founders of the Seniors organization, was named president emeritus.
Guest speakers were Brian Kennedy, staff v.p. of passenger sales programs, and Bill Dougherty, vice president-personnel.

Participating in the 1978 meeting were all nine presidents who have served since the formal founding of the Seniors organization: Cliff Abpott, Joe Bell, Robbie Robinson, Jim Wulpi, Busch Voights, Parky Parkinson, Gordon Gilmore, George Levering and Al Jordan.

Also taking part were the presidents of the regional chapters, including Al Wollenberg (Northeast), Harry Mickie, (Southeast), Carl Marshall, (Kansas City), Gene Everett, (Arizona) and Bob McCormick, (Pacific).

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of "50-year" awards to Mo Bowen, Larry Shannon, John Meyers, Lou Goss, Fred Betts and Lee Flanagan. The award - a distinctive mug - represents on-going TWA service beyond official retirement.

**TWA SKYLINER October 30, 1978**

**Seniors Plan Four Tours in '79**

by Bob McCormick

A week on Spain's Costa del Sol in February, a cruise of the Greek Islands in April and a trip through the Utah, Arizona national parks in September will highlight Seniors Club tours in 1979, according to Jerry Condon, international vice president.

"We are also working out details of a tour to Ireland next fall," he adds. The trip to Spain is scheduled February 7-13; six nights at the Hotel las Piramides in Fuengirola; two half-day tours, to Malaga and Mijas, Cost is $148 per person, modified American plan; $25 single supplement.

April 4-10 will be a repeat of this year's popular Greek Island cruise; it includes three 'days in Athens,' at the President Hotel, and three days at sea cruising to Mykonos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini. Cost of the land/sea package is $315 or $330 per person, double, depending on cabin assignment; single supplement, $100 or $115.

Complete information, along with registration forms, will be contained in the November issue of the Seniors Club newsletter.

Associate members of the Seniors Club (active employees with 30 years of service) are welcome to attend any Seniors Club functions. Those interested in joining any of the 1979 tours may obtain reservation forms from Jerry Condon, at 508 Cindertree Lane, Boulder City, Nevada, 89005. Telephone (702) 293-2710,

(Editor'-s note: While membership in the Seniors Club is automatic, to be eligible to participate in the tour program, one must be in the "good book" of club treasurer J.D. McPherson. Dues are $5; payable annually in June, for the succeeding year. To be paid-up, send $5 check to J.D. McPherson, 69 Lakeshore East, Lake Quivira, Kansas 60106.)

**TWA SKYLINER November 13, 1978**

**Arizona Seniors**

The Arizona chapter of the Seniors Club will hold its winter meeting on December 6 at the Francisco Grande Resort, about an hour's drive from either Phoenix or Tucson. Rooms will be available to out-of-towners in the hotel section at $29 and in the motel section at $15. Contact E.B. Everett, 17829 107th Ave., Sun City, Arizona 85373 for reservations.

**TWA SKYLINER December 11, 1978**

**Receives 1978 Seniors Award**

Harry Mickie, president of the southeastern region chapter of the TWA Seniors Club, has received the 1978 Senior Award co-sponsored by Sea World of Florida and Eastern Airlines. The award is in recognition of the retired Chicago mechanic's service to TWA Seniors through his Travel Tips columns in the Skyliner and the Seniors Club newsletter, as well as his leadership for TWA retirees in the Florida area. Shown presenting the award to Harry are George Becker (left) v.p. and general manager of Sea World at Orlando, and Jim Plinton (right), former TWAer and now vice president-market development for Eastern. Though his mobility is restricted by severe arthritis, Harry and his wife Martha travel as much as possible, 'personally researching travel opportunities for TWAers, active and retired alike.
Seniors Plan Parks Tour

Details of the Seniors Club tour of Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon this fall have been announced by Jerry Condon, Seniors vice president and tour coordinator. The tour, which will be limited to 120 persons, has been scheduled for September 13-18 and will leave from Las Vegas early the morning of the 14th, he said. Staging point will be the Marina Hotel, where tour members will stay the night of the 13th in order to facilitate an 8 a.m. departure. Cost of the tour - $193 per person, double, and $250 single - includes accommodations in Las Vegas as well as meals and lodging in the parks.

Extra nights at the Marina Hotel (prior to the 13th and upon return on the 18th, if desired) will cost 38.98 per room, single or double, including tax and gratuities. A $50 deposit (per person) is required by March 1, with the balance payable by July 15. A small service charge will be deducted from refunds on cancellations made after August 12. "One's cancelled check will acknowledge confirmed reservations" Mr. Condon said. Complete information will be mailed to all members in mid-July. For information write to Jerry Condon, 508 Cindertree Lane, Boulder City, Nev. 89005. Phone (702) 293-2710.

Seniors / Activities Golf Tour in Spain

The Seniors Golf tour this year will be at the Aloha Marbella Hotel and Golf Course, on Spain's 'Costa del Sol, March 28-April 4. Weekly rate is $200 double, $256.50 single, including transportation to and from Malaga Airport, deluxe accommodations, Continental breakfast, dinner, baggage handling, tips and registration. Golf costs $10.50 for 18 holes. Caddies, electric and pull carts, and rental clubs are available. Reservations are limited to the first 50 people so get in touch with Parky Parkinson right away at 4117 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64116 (816) 452-1336. Check for full amount must accompany registration request.
Seniors Activities In Florida, Calif.

The TWA Seniors Club-Pacific will hold its spring luncheon Fri., May 1, 1:30 a.m., at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Ca. Cost is $5.50 per person. For reservations contact Art Nierode, 3745 Tilden Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90034 (213) 839-9377. Deadline for reservations is Mon., May 7.

The Southeastern Chapter of TWA Seniors is planning a golf tournament in connection with its Florida reunion. The tournament is scheduled for May 2 at the Bardmoor Country Club, Largo, Fla. $16 per player will cover greens fees, cart and prizes. Those who want to brush up on their game beforehand can do so on May 1 for $13. Capt. Bill Townsend will arrange tee-off times for those interested.

Seniors Meet in Paris

The TWA Seniors Club, the organization of retired employees, is setting up an overseas branch. Two European veterans, Francis Degioanni in Paris and Giorgio Carpi in Rome, are serving as appointed regional representatives until officers are elected. A meeting for this purpose is planned for October in Paris. Watch the Skyliner for an announcement of exactly when and where it will be.

Seniors Meet in Paris, JFK

The overseas chapter of the TWA Seniors Club will hold its first meeting Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m., at the Orly Hilton, Paris. All overseas Seniors and active employees with 30 years’ service are invited to attend. Cost of 80 francs (approx. $16) per person includes aperitif, dinner, wine, and music. Accommodations at the Orly Hilton are available at a 50% discount on all rooms. Discount rate is 76 francs per person, double.

For information and reservations contact Francis de Gioanni, 91550 Paray Vieille Poste, 3 rue Frariois Malard, France. Telephone 938-5543.

The Northeast chapter of the TWA Seniors Club will hold its fall meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at the Prop Room, in the TWA terminal at JFK. The election of officers for 1980 will head the agenda. There will be a buffet luncheon between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Seniors Meet in Scottsdale, Arizona

The TWA Seniors Club Pacific chapter, will hold its fall luncheon and business meeting Wed., Sept. 26 at 11:30 a.m., in the Elks Building, 4101 East Willow St., Long Beach, Ca. New officers for the coming year will be elected and installed. Dr. John Furby will be featured speaker. Seniors planning to attend should make reservations through Arthur Nierode, 3745 Tilden Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90034. Luncheon cost: $9.75. Deadline for reservations: Sept. 23.

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Kansas City. The decision to move the meeting from TWA's "home town" to Phoenix was influenced by the lower summer rates offered by Arizona resorts and the difficult logistics of airlifting several hundred retired passholders in and out of Kansas City at once. A committee of Arizona Seniors is already at work planning the event.

**TWA SKYLINER November 26, 1979**

Seniors Meet in Scottsdale

The Arizona Seniors Club will hold its next meeting in Scottsdale on December 4, at the La Posada Resort Hotel, president Frank Smith announced. For the convenience of the increasing number of retirees in the Tucson area, there will be a "gassavers" meeting on November 28 at the La Granada restaurant, Tucson International Airport. Frank points out that "a convenient TWA schedule allows travel PHX-TUS-PHX for a good number of northerners" who plan to make both meetings.

**TWA SKYLINER December 24, 1979**

Forty-seven TWA Seniors made a five-day tour of northern Portugal in mid-October. The tour began and ended at Lisbon and took in Sintra , Estoril, Cascais, Fatima, Coimbra, the Douro River Valley, Oporto, and Nazare . Everybody enjoyed it so much that tour leaders , Rita and Jerry Condon, have scheduled a repeat for April 1980, says Bob McCormick, editor of the Seniors Club newsletter.

**TWA SKYLINER July 15, 1990**

Seniors Club Holds Annual Meeting

The TWA Seniors Club annual general meeting was held in Kansas city on June 5 and 6 with more than 700 in attendance. A new executive committee was elected for 1990/1991.

They are: President Bill Dixon; 1st V.P. John Sweeney; 2nd V.P. James Leonard; International V.P. Emmet Condon; V.P. Public Relations Beth Miller; Treasurer Tom Sawyer; Secretary Ruth Richards; Chairman Emeritus G. Parkinson and Past President Dorothy Rush.

The Kansas City chapter hosted the event, which allowed old friends to meet again and enjoy various planned activities.

The paris Chapter will hold an annual meeting October 20 on board the sightseeing boat “Chateau Gaillard”, during a cruise on the Seine River in Paris. Any senior interested in attending this enjoyable affair should contact F. Degioanni, 3 Rue Francois Malard, 91550 Pary-Vielle-Poste, France.

**TWA SKYLINER June 24, 1992**

Seniors Club Installs Officers At Banquet

The 1992 TWA Seniors annual meeting was held in Orlando on May 19-20. Bill Zimmerman was chairperson with the Southeast Chapter as host.

Officers installed for the coming year are: President, Tom Sawyer; First V.P.V, Robert Mueller; Second V.P. Herbert Griggs; Intl V.P. Andre J. Maryville; V.P. Public relations, Irvin C. Sutter; Treasurer, Larry Gardner; Secretary, Helen litvack; Past president, William Dixon; and Chairman Emeritus, Gordon R. “Parky” Parkinson.

More than 570 people attended the banquet.

**TWA SKYLINER June 25, 1993**

Seniors Club Holds Annual General Meeting in St. Louis

TWA Seniors Club members from around the world gathered in St. Louis May 29-31 for their annual general meeting.

The event was held at the Hyatt regency Hotel. The board of directors had an opportunity to meet prior to the activities which included dinner and dancing on the Robert E. Lee and a golf tournament.

The three-day gathering concluded with a cocktail reception and banquet, during which the annual business meeting was held.

Seniors Club members were delighted to hear from Co-Executive Chairman Robin Wilson regarding TWA's steps through bankruptcy and future outlook.

The committee responsible for the meeting included General Chairman Herb Griggs, Guy Ancell, Bob Hecker, Par Hecker, Alberta Coleman, June Ingram, Carol Coonley, Kit Ashenfelter, Jack Zdvorak, Opal Thomas and Barney Groff.

Members America Credit Union provided support for the meeting including hosting of the evenings coctail reception.

The Executive committee for 1992-1993 are: President Thomas sawyer; 1st VP is V. Robi Mueller; 2nd VP Herb Griggs; International VP Andre J. Marville VP Public Relations Robert Miller; Treasurer Larry Gardner; Secretary Alice Meyers; Chairman Emeritus is Gordon “Parky” Parkinson; Past President Bill Dixon and Special Assignment Dorothy Rush.
Tour Normandy, France

Utah – Omaha – Gold – Juno – Sword. This June marks the 40th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied landings on those Normandy beaches during WWII that heralded the beginning of the end for the Axis powers. The TWA Seniors Club of France, through Gilbert Rabbat and Francis Degioanni is conducting a tour of Normandy, Tuesday-Friday, May 8-11. Overnight Paris at beginning and end, two nights in Caen. Breakfast and dinner daily. Bus to/ from Normandy and for tour highlights in the area. Capacity: 48. Price: $320 per person double. Bookings must be in by March 1st. Itinerary will he sent with confirmation. Contact tour coordinator Jerry Condon, 508 Cindertree Lane, Boulder City. NV 89005 (702) 293-2710.

Seniors Summit Meeting in San Diego

Two past, one present and one future president of the Southern California chapter of TWA Seniors were photographed last month at a club meeting in San Diego. From left are: Ed Bets, current president; Jim Heiner, a past president; Russ Brosendorf, now first Vice president and slated to be next president, and Don Beech, previous president.

Tucson Seniors Host TWA Historian

The Arizona Seniors chapter held their latest meeting in Tucson, a barbecue at the famous Tanque Verde Ranch. Bob Serling (left), author of the TWA history "Howard Hughes' Airline", spoke of his experiences during 29 years as aviation editor of United Press International. With Serling are from left, Tucson host Charlie Biller man, chapter president Tom Poole, and v.p. Gene Exum. More than a hundred Arizona retirees attended.
Executive committee of the new Greek chapter of the TWA Seniors is pictured on "election night" in Athens last month. From left are Nicholas Vergos, treasurer; Frixos Servitopouloa, vice president; Nicholas Zoumboulakis, president; Klay Christodoulakis, secretary general; John Psarelis, organization secretary, and Christine Louizou, assistant to the secretary general. Not shown: John Yparakis, assistant to the treasurer. They will serve a three-year term.

Members of the new TWA Seniors chapter in Athens relax during a break in their business meeting last month. The meeting place was provided free of charge, courtesy of chapter VP Frixos Servetopoulou, who since retiring from TWA, is affiliated with the Armonia Hotel. International Seniors president A. L. "Wolly" Wollenberg (left) at the group's annual convention in St. Louis June 11-12. More than 300 retired employees attend this year's meeting, which was hosted by the St. Louis "Gateway" chapter headed by Opal Thomas. Eight past presidents of the organization, which now numbers close to 9,000 retired employees, attended the banquet at which half a hundred alumni from the "Class of '35" - those TWA pioneers whose active/retired seniority goes back half a century, were especially honored.

Captain E. C. "Lum" Edwards, a Californian, was elected president of the TWA Seniors for 1985-86, the gavel passing from A. L. "Wolly" Wollenberg (left) at the group's annual convention in St. Louis June 11-12. More than 300 retired employees attend this year's meeting, which was hosted by the St. Louis "Gateway" chapter headed by Opal Thomas. Eight past presidents of the organization, which now numbers close to 9,000 retired employees, attended the banquet at which half a hundred alumni from the "Class of '35" - those TWA pioneers whose active/retired seniority goes back half a century, were especially honored.

(This year also marks the 50th anniversary of TWA's flight attendant corps, an historic milestone which will be celebrated at the Clipped Wings convention in October and by publication of a pictorial history, "Wings of Pride"). Seniors founder and president emeritus Gordon R. "Parky" Parkinson presented 50-year mugs, observing in his own inimitable way that the recipients "seem to be getting younger every year," as is he.

The guest speaker was to have been TWA president-elect Dick Pearson. Be- cause of the Icahn affair and the Texas Air merger negotiations, he was more than busy elsewhere. His assurances that their airline was in safe hands were telephoned to Wolly Wollenberg by Jerry Cosley, vp-'corporate communications.

The following morning the good news was posted that "Icahn is out." In his own address, Wollenberg paid special thanks to Tom Sawyer and eight other volunteers in Kansas City for helping to produce the club's monthly newsletter when the administrative services office, where the printing and mailing is done, was inundated with urgent company business. Serving with Lum Edwards as officers for the coming year will be: Don Heap, first vice president; Ralph McClenahan, second vp; Dick Spater, international vp; Dorothy Rush, public relations vp; Betty Ross, secretary and William Gilbirds, treasurer.
Gordon Parkinson, "Mr. TWA" dies at age 89

Even in a company known for loyal and tightly-knit employees, Gordon "Parky" Parkinson stood out. Parkinson, known throughout TWA as "Mr. TWA", died April 27 at age 89. "Parky" was legendary for always sporting his TWA red tie and red sport coat. In 1929, Parkinson joined Transcontinental Air Transport, TWA's predecessor, as a meteorologist. He later became a flight dispatcher and manager of operational planning. He also helped start the TWA Seniors Club, the Employees' Club, Management Club and the TWA Credit Union. Parkinson also contributed greatly to the Save-A-Connie organization. Gordon Roland Parkinson was born February 11, 1908 in Topeka, KS. He attended Washburn University, University of California-Berkeley and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Memorial services were held at the Unity Temple on the Plaza in Overland, KS.
Once again, hundreds of TWA Seniors participated in a system-wide Plane Greeting, held on Valentines Day, February 14, 1996. The Seniors, many of whom dressed in red and sported TWA logos, etc. greeted arriving passengers and handed out business size refrigerator magnets imprinted with a plane and the 800 reservations number, or ‘Call your local travel agent.’ They did the same with outbound passengers.

Members of the New Mexico Chapter of the TWA Seniors Club participated in the plane greeting:
Front row: Dave Richards, Carolyn Pettit (Clipped Wings), Tammy Beeler (Clipped Wings), Rex Garlin. 2nd row l to r: Virginia Pryor, Thelma Granger, Cindy Noll. 3rd row l to r: Maggie Geddes and Jan Richards.

Members of the TWA San Francisco Seniors Club, l. to r.: Elsie Phillips, Claude Thomas, Leroy Hill, Jim Riordan, and Dick Drake.

TWA Seniors San Diego Chapter, l. to r.: Skip Ruhe, Grace Toney, Ray Kohler, Kay Kohler, and Marie Ruhe.

TWA Seniors Northwest Chapter, l. to r.: Pauline Zollinger, TWA Ticket Agent, Art Zollinger, and Jane Martin.

Fort Meyers Airport Plane Greeting: l. to r.: Captain Leo Smith, Betty Smith (Clipped Wings), Judy Price, agent, Captain Chuck Tesio and Toni Tesio (Clipped Wings).

TWA Seniors at Orange County-John Wayne Airport for the Plane Greeting l. to r.: Mike Frischler, June Roddy and Sheila Wolfe.
TWA’S 33rd AGM

The TWA Seniors Club invites you to the 
2000 Annual General Meeting to be held
April 30, May 1 & 2, 2000
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often than a few times a year. With the Kansas City IAM as the first branch of Seniors Club, twenty-seven Chapters are in existence today. They are: Arizona, Sonora, Pacific Northwest, San Diego, S. California, Rocky Mountains, Gold Coast, Southeast, Southwest, Windy City, Hoosiers, Heart of America, Kansas City, Ozarks, Hillbilly, St. Louis Gateway, Silver State, Garden State, New Mexico, Northeast, Central South Italy, Pennjerdel, Ireland, France, Prutugal, Spain, and Northern Italy.

Local Chapter enables retirees to keep in touch as well as up to date on the latest happenings in the company. It's not all social for the local groups. Many of them adopt needy families at Christmas; offer assistance to their TWA Sales staff when requested, or make distribute items to nursing homes and shut-ins.

Having been closely associated with travel, both international and domestic, for greater part of their working lives, it is only natural the Seniors are vitally interested in continuing the wonder of different cultures and making new friends.

From the Decant Decaders to the conquistadors to the present-day Seniors Club, the group is alive and well, both at the international and local level. Lifelong friendships have been made by hundreds of TWAers during their careers. And the desire to retain those ties is evidenced by the interest and enthusiasm for the Seniors Club. Even those Seniors who are not able to participate in the Club's activities, such as tours, luncheons, dinners, etc., report that they keep in touch with the TWA family by means of the Newsletter and still feel they are a part of the airline.

The Newsletter, was printed and mailed in Kansas City by the company, and sent to all retirees six times a year, until recent times when the Club assumed this responsibility.

Today's new retirees are carrying on the proud heritage left to them by their predecessors. As the success of the Seniors Club will attest (there are approximately 18,000 retirees with about 5,000 dues-paying members), the original concept of the organization will be carried out and TWA retirees will be able to continue their long-established pattern of socializing with others who speak the "airline" language. Along with the social aspect, the Club carries on the tradition of promoting interest and support in TWA, and its members continue to be goodwill ambassadors for the airline, now American.

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